



SDLCA AGM 2019 Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of the Salerno Devil's Lake Cottagers Association was held at the Irondale Community Centre on Saturday, August 3rd, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Attendees

Attendees included B. Alcheg, Kay Armatage, Esther Atkin, Bal Bell, Lynn & Randy Blake, Lorne Buckingham, Steve Buckingham, Marianne Cassin, Jocelyn Cowan, Michele Diano, Paul Gauvin, Barbara Gordon, Wendy Idiens, Line Gervais, Tom Kott, Vivian Lapp, Andrew Maas, Beth McCarthy, Norman Orschel, Gudrun Orschel, Kevin K. Pepper, Bill Procter, Douglas Rodger, Randy Ryan, Judy Stephens, Alex Stojanoff, Susan Thompson, Andy Van Hoof, Elfi Weigl, Norm Wheeler.

Executives in Attendance

Kay Armatage, Lynn Blake, Sydney Clark, Margaret Clayton, Bob Collins, Bill Holding (Chair), Jacqueline Proud, Douglas Rodger, Rob Somers, Rob Stewart.

Approval of previous AGM minutes

The 2017 AGM minutes were not adopted at the last meeting, as they were not circulated in time. This year, minutes were published on the SDLCA website, circulated in advance. Margaret Clayton moved, Rob Stimers seconded a motion to accept the minutes from 2017 and 2018. Approved.

Reports

SDLCA Executive

Sydney Clark, Margaret Clayton and Jacqueline Proud are retiring from the SDLCA Executive after many years of service. Douglas Rodger thanked them for their yeoman service.

Sydney Clark served as President for 5 years. She gave an immense commitment all across the spectrum: As DR said, "whatever needed to be done, Sydney would find a way to do it."

Re Margaret Clayton, DR said that she "wasn't shy about telling him what to do, giving information re bylaws and knowledge gleaned from decades of involvement". DR thanked Margaret and Sydney on behalf of the entire lake community.

Bill Holding moves from Acting President to President.

We welcome two new executive members: Michele Diano on Communications and Lynn Blake on Membership.

Sydney Clark nominates Line Gervais for Website Management

Esther Atkin moves, Barbara Gordon seconds motion to accept slate of directors. Approved.

SDLCA Executive Officers 2019-2020

President: Bill Holding

Vice President:

Lake Steward & Environmental Director: Rob Brown

Recording Secretary: Kay Armatage

Membership Secretary: Lynn Blake

Technology Chair & Youth Race: Rob Stimers

Canoe Race & BBQ Director: Rob Stuart

Communications: Michele Diano

Treasurer: Bob Collins

Past President: Douglas Rodger

Website: Line Gervais

Financial Report: Bob Collins

The association is in excellent financial shape. The largest expense is insurance, which covers the association against lawsuits and accidents (eg. Fireworks display) but only for SDLCA events. In 2018, bought sound system for concerts on the lake.

Douglas Rodger moves, Rob Stuart seconds acceptance of report. Approved.

Membership Report: Lynn Blake

96 members have paid for 2019; 29 for 2020 as well. There are 207 property owners on the lake.

Rob Stimers moves, Judy Stephens seconds acceptance of report. Approved.

Communication and Website Report: Jacqueline Proud

We sent out 13 eblasts this year, with a quite high opening count of 62%. There are 318 names on the Mailchimp list, with an additional option of sending mail separately to paid members only. This year the SDLCA website had over 1000 hits per month. Applause for Jacqueline (retiring).

Environmental Report: Douglas Rodger on Behalf of Rob Brown

The invasive species watch program has been cut by the Ford government, but has been taken up by cottagers' associations, who have kits to track invasive species. Lake Salerno is next on the list. Eurasian Milfoil is massive; similar to native milfoil but self-seeds through rhizomes and smothers everything. Necessary to collect everything, especially roots, and BURN. Snails are also invasive: not native and very hardy. Nevertheless, the water clarity is excellent.

We need political will to limit the size of boat motors and wakes, which damage the shoreline.

The shoreline restoration project on the island suffered winter/ice damage (as well as vandalism last summer) but is back on track.

Loon Report: Kevin K. Pepper

Lake Salerno has suffered a drop in the loon population, but this seems to be a widespread problem in North America, especially with global warming. Humans are the only predators of the common loon: people come too close to the nests, resulting in abandoned eggs.

This was an unusual year for the common loon on our lake. The water level in the spring caused harm to nesting areas. There were 5 nests: 7 eggs were laid; 4 hatched. Yet we still have 5 loons - a good barometer of the cleanliness of the water and fish in the lake

Barbara Gordon moved and Wendy Idiens seconded acceptance of report. Approved.

Concert on the Lake Report: Douglas Rodger

This summer we had great weather, but a very crazy and stressful situation. At the last minute the scheduled performer cancelled and was replaced by Albert Saxby & Hal Turner, who kindly filled in at the last minute.

Next year is the tenth anniversary of this annual event. Great applause!

Youth Race Report: Rob Stimers

The youth race starts at Wendy Idiens' dock in the second bay & charts around the island & back. Next year we hope to start earlier: aim for 10:30. Paddles for the winners were made by Julie Campagna (check her out on the website).

Canoe Race Report: Rob Stuart

Last year the turnout was disappointing due to blistering hot weather. We are more hopeful this year, as Douglas Rodger sent a note in an eblast encouraging folks simply to paddle the course rather than really race. At the picnic following the race, again there will be a 50/50 draw (can take either money or prize).

As usual, there was a question about going back to the river. Answer: Ministry of Natural Resources won't allow it, and the cost of insurance makes it impossible. Rob Stimers has the children's games ready (around 3:00 pm start time) and Sydney Clark coordinated the liquor license, which allows for absolutely no outside booze.

Lake Health Report: Margaret Clayton

There is a new book available, reporting on 118 lakes in Haliburton County, including Salerno Lake. Lots of good information. Some still available at \$5.00.

New Business:

Jacqueline Proud mentioned the apparel run, to be delivered in the fall after orders are taken. Gerome Laporte is assisting.

Esther Atkin encouraged people to shop locally, since there are now so many more amenities than in the past, including Highland Meats, Norm's Smoke House, the Irondale gas station and artisanal beer source.

Norm Wheeler reported on the fire routes and especially on the deteriorating bridge on Chimo Dr. as well as other items that need attention.

Discussion re defibrillator: SDLCA should buy one, as we need 2 on the lake. Comments included that no location is practical because any location is too far, too long, even by boat. But training is worthwhile. Barbara Gordon moved & Steve Buckingham seconded motion to move forward on investigation of defibrillator for the lake. Approved.

Presentation: Cecil Ryall, Ward Councillor

County climate change plan is in process. Also moving to reduce cell phone gaps. Septic inspection program is proceeding in Highlands East, but not yet in Minden Hills); in 2018, 1400 were inspected. By mid-2019, will have inspected over 1800.

Guest Speaker: Roger Cunningham

Spectacular presentation re CEWF: Coalition for Equitable Water Flow in the Trent Severn Waterway System. Slide presentation is available on the SDLCA website.

Motion to Adjourn: Esther Atkin, seconded Rob Stimers. Meeting ended at 12:00.

Secretary

Date of approval